AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification to include a cross reference to the three (3) recently filed continuations of related U.S. Patent Application 10/329,172.

The subject matter of this application is also related to the subject matter of U.S. Patent 5,615,109 for "Method of and System for Generating Feasible, Profit Maximizing Requisition Sets", by Jeff S. Eder, U.S. Patent 6,321,205 for "Method of and System for Modeling and Analyzing Business Improvement Programs" by Jeff S. Eder and U.S. Patent 6,393,406 for "Method of and System for valuing elements of a business enterprise", Application 09/940,450 filed August 29,2001 by Jeff S. Eder the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. Application 09/940,450 is a continuation of application number 09/421,553, filed October 20, 1999. Application 09/421,553 was a continuation-in-part of application number 09/358,969, filed July 22, 1999, of application number 09/295,337, filed April 21, 1999, application number 09/293,336, filed April 16, 1999 and application number 08/999,245, filed December 10, 1997 the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. The subject matter of this application is also related to the subject matter of U.S. Patent Application 09/688,982 filed October 17, 2000, U.S. Patent Application 09/761,670 filed January 18, 2001, U.S. Patent Application 09/761,671 filed January 18, 2001, U.S. Patent Application 09/764,068 filed January 19, 2001, U.S. Patent Application 09/938,874 filed August 27, 2001, U.S. Patent Application 10/097,344 filed March 16, 2002, U.S. Patent Application 10/282,113 filed October 29, 2002, U.S. Patent Application 10/283,083 filed October 30, 2002, U.S. Patent Application 10/287,586 filed November 5, 2002, U.S. Patent Application 10/298,021 filed November 18, 2002, U.S. Patent Application 10/441,385 filed May 20, 2003, U.S. Patent Application 10/645,099 filed August 21, 2003, U.S. Patent Application 10/743,616 filed December 22, 2003, U.S. Patent Application 10/743,417 filed December 22, 2003, U.S. Patent Application 10/746,673 filed December 24, 2003, U.S. Patent Application 10/750,792 filed January 3, 2004, U.S. Patent Application 09/688,983 filed October 17, 2000, U.S. Patent Application 09/994,740 filed November 28, 2001, U.S. Patent Application 10/012,374 filed December 12, 2001, U.S. Patent Application 10/012,375 filed December 12, 2001, U.S. Patent Application 10/025,794 filed December 26, 2001, U.S. Patent Application 10/036,522 filed January 7, 2002, U.S. Patent Application 10/061,665 filed February 2, 2002, U.S. Patent Application 10/166,758 filed June 12, 2002, U.S. Patent Application 10/329,172 filed December 23, 2002, U.S. Patent Application 10/747,471 filed December 29, 2003, U.S. Patent Application 10/821,504 filed April 9, 2004, U.S. Patent Application 10/046,094 filed January 16, 2002, U.S. Patent Application 10/748,890

filed December 30, 2003, U.S. Patent Application 10/861,014 filed June 3, 2004, U.S. Patent Application 11/167,685 filed June 27, 2005 ~~and~~, U.S. Patent Application 11/142,785 filed May 31, 2005, U.S. Patent Application 10/360,087 filed February 23, 2006, U.S. Patent Application 11/278,419 filed April 1, 2006 and U.S. Patent Application 11/278,423 filed April 1, 2006 the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the second sentence in the second paragraph after Table 51 to read as shown below:

It does this by first retrieving from the system settings table (140), the operation system table (144), the external database table (146), the advanced finance system table (147), the element of value definition table (155), the simulations table (168), the sentiment factors table (169), the statistics table (170), the scenario table (171), the risk reduction products table (173) and the risk reduction activity table (179) which is the information required to initialize the optimization algorithm.